

## **Abstract**

An orthopedic implantable device articulately connecting a first spinal vertebra to  
5 an adjacent second spinal vertebra includes a pair of first components adapted to be  
attached to locations left and right of a midline of the first vertebra, respectively; and a  
pair of second components adapted to be attached to locations left and right of a midline  
of the second vertebra, respectively. Each of the first components includes a body and a  
male articulation member attached to the first component body and each of the second  
10 components includes a body and a female articulation member attached to the second  
component body. The first components are articulately connected to the second  
components by engaging the male articulation members to the female articulation  
members, thereby articulately connecting the first vertebra to said second vertebra along  
lines left and right of the midlines, respectively.

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